1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT SEATTLE 9 CASE NO. C24-01079JLR SEAN LYONS, 10 Plaintiff, **ORDER** 11 v. 12 IFOODDECISIONSCIENCES, INC., 13 Defendant. 14 15 Before the court is iFoodDecisionSciences, Inc.'s ("iFoodDS") motion for judgment on the pleadings. (Mot. (Dkt. # 9); see also Reply (Dkt. # 11.) Plaintiff Sean 16 Lyons did not respond to iFoodDS's motion. (See generally Dkt). 17 18 Mr. Lyons pleads two causes of action in his complaint related to the termination of his employment with iFoodDS (see Compl. (Dkt. # 1-1) ¶¶ 74-110), both of which 19 20 iFoodDS seeks to dismiss for several independent reasons (see Mot. at 4-6). Pursuant to 21 this District's Local Civil Rules, the court may consider Mr. Lyons' failure to respond to 22

1 iFoodDS's motion "as an admission that the motion has merit." Local Rules W.D. Wash. 2 LCR 7(b)(2). 3 Having reviewed Mr. Lyons' complaint and iFoodDS's motion, the court is 4 convinced that Mr. Lyons' complaint fails as a matter of law. See Fleming v. Pickard, 5 581 F.3d 922, 925 (9th Cir. 2009) (setting forth the standard of review for motions for 6 judgment on the pleadings under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(c)). Following his termination from iFoodDS, Mr. Lyons signed a Release and Waiver of Claims 7 8 Agreement, pursuant to which Mr. Lyons agreed to "release and discharge" iFoodDS 9 "from any and all actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, debts, and other 10 obligations . . . related to . . . (2) the termination of [his] employment with" iFoodDS. 11 (Joffe Decl. (Dkt. # 10) ¶ 2, Ex. A ("Release").) Mr. Lyons received a severance 12 payment as consideration for his execution of the Release. (*Id.* at 2-3; Compl. ¶ 30.) Mr. 13 Lyons therefore waived his right to file a lawsuit against iFoodDS in connection with his 14 termination. 15 The court therefore GRANTS iFoodDS's motion for judgment on the pleadings 16 (Dkt. #9). The court DISMISSES Mr. Lyons' complaint, and this action, with prejudice 17 and without leave to amend. 18 Dated this 16th day of September, 2024. 19 JAMES L. ROBART 20 United States District Judge 21 22